

FORTY-SIX LIVES LOST WHEN STEAMER ALASKA CRASHES ON ROCKS AND SINKS

FLORIDA TROOPS GUARD NEGRO AT DUVAL COUNTY JAIL

VESSEL GOES TO BOTTOM WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES AFTER STRIKING ROCKS OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST

Contained 214 Persons, Including Passengers and Crew, 166 of Whom Have Been Accounted For, Having Been Landed by the Rescue Ship.

CAPTAIN OF THE ALASKA UNACCOUNTED FOR AND BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED

Launching of the Life Boats Was Accomplished Without Delay or Disorder; Three of Them Successfully Rode the Waves, But the Fourth Capsized.

(By The Associated Press)
EUREKA, Calif., Aug. 7.—Forty-eight persons, 36 passengers and 12 of the crew, were lost last night when the steamer Alaska of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship company, south-bound from Portland, Oregon, to San Francisco, sank 30 minutes after crashing into the rocks off Blunt's Reef, 40 miles south of this city.

The survivors, numbering 166 persons, were brought here today by the rescue ship, Anxox, the first vessel to reach the scene of the wreck in response to the Alaska's radio signals. The coast guard tug, Ranger, dispatched early today from Eureka, returned to port with the bodies of 12 men. Eight were members of the crew and four were passengers. Captain Harry Hobey, master of the Alaska, is still unaccounted for and is believed to have gone down with his ship.

Of the survivors landed by the Anxox, 30 were more or less seriously injured and received medical treatment at local hospitals. The Alaska struck the reef bow-on in a dense fog, according to the survivors and immediately began to list. The work of launching lifeboats was accomplished without delay or disorder. Three of the boats successfully rode the waves but the fourth boat capsized, throwing its occupants into the sea. The greatest loss of life, the survivors said, resulted from this mishap. A few who wore life belts succeeded in keeping afloat until picked up.

Captain Hobey, when the last of the life boats had been sent over the side of the rapidly filling Alaska, went to the stern of his vessel and he was there when it started its plunge to the bottom.

The Alaska was bound from Portland, Oregon, to San Francisco. Captain Harry Hobey, skipper of the wrecked vessel, is missing and believed to have gone down with his ship. A dense fog concealed the treacherous rocks off the Blunt's Reef, which projects far into the ocean when the Alaska crashed at 9:40 o'clock last night. Within twenty minutes, the crippled steamer listed, turned and sank to within four feet of the tips of the masts.

The passengers were placed in lifeboats but one overturned as it was lowered into the water. Of the twelve bodies recovered four have been identified as passengers and eight of officers and crew.

The known dead are: E. Pickall, Hubbard, Oregon; Thomas Johnston, Brooklyn; A. N. Hutchinson, Portland, Oregon; S. Kumazawa, (steering passenger); Crew: Chief Steward Heane. Officers: Stewart F. K. King; Frank Combs; Ralph J. Mockett, seamen.

Larsen, engine hand, Portland, Oregon; Janitor, name not known; bell boy, believed named Baldwin, of Oakland, California; Captain Harry Hobey, master of the Alaska, with two passengers, were the last on the ship. The captain is missing. He was with-out a life-preserver. One of the two passengers, George Glenn, of Nebraska, was saved.

The steamer, Anxox, with the known 266 survivors, arrived here late today. According to the stories of the survivors, three life boats were launched. The last was but a few feet from the wreck when the Alaska, which had listed to starboard, suddenly righted and then plunged, bow first.

The steamer, Anxox, towing a barge to Vancouver, was twelve miles distant when the first "S.O.S." signals of the Alaska flashed out.

Within an hour the Anxox arrived at the wreck and with order that won high praise from the survivors, the crew of the Anxox speedily picked up those who were drifting in life preservers or in life boats.

Through the night other ships joined in the rescue work. Twelve bodies were found which with the arrival of the Anxox and a tug bearing the bodies here left the unaccounted for at thirty-two passengers and four members of the crew.

The Alaska, of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company, left Portland, Oregon, last Friday with 131 passengers of whom 123 were in the cabin and eight in the steerage. The majority of passengers were summer tourists.

The Alaska hailed from the home port of Port Townsend, Washington. Its net tonnage was 3,709 and its (Continued on Page Eight)

2 LOSE LIVES IN SURF OFF NORTH CAROLINA COAST

Two Women Are Drawn by the Current Beyond Their Depth While Bathing

(By The Associated Press)
WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 7.—Miss Louise Parks Sloan, of Statesville, N. C., and Marion Avant, Wilmington, 24, lost their lives in the surf at Wrightsville Beach near here shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, having been drawn by the current beyond their depth. Both bodies were recovered. Life guards had not gone on duty when the ill-fated young people with a number of others went in bathing from one of the inns on the beach and both were beyond help when a hurriedly manned life boat put out to rescue them. The crew picked up the body of Miss Sloan, which was floating face downward, in the surf, but the body of Avant disappeared to re-appear half a mile down the beach where it floated ashore. Mrs. A. R. Hardwick, of this city, a cousin of Miss Sloan, was also in the surf, but was easily rescued.

Miss Sloan was a daughter of J. L. Sloan, of Statesville, and a graduate of North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro. Mr. Avant was an ex-service man and was well known in this city. The remains of the young woman were sent to Statesville this evening.

BULGARIAN ARMY TO BE DISBANDED

Plans Have Been Drawn Up and Force of Volunteers to be Recruited

(By The Associated Press)
SOFIA, Aug. 7.—The Bulgarian Government has drawn up a plan for the disbandment of the army and the recruitment of a volunteer force. It is inclined to believe, however, that it will be impossible to enlist the minimum of 12,000 volunteers by October 1 as demanded by the Allies.

A dispatch from Sofia Saturday said the latter Allied Military Commission had demanded the complete demobilization of the Bulgarian army within two months and the formation of an army of volunteers. The dispatch added that a semi-official note had been issued protesting against the demand, declaring that the present Bulgarian army did not exceed the aggregate provided for by the peace treaty.

SCHOONER EMNOR LIMPS INTO PORT

(By The Associated Press)
WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 7.—The American schooner Mary Emnor, New York to Florida coast points, limped into port here today badly damaged by a collision with the Flying Pan lightship Friday during a northwest gale. She is of fifty tons and was traveling light, to be put into service in Florida waters by a freight company. Repairs will be made here.

MONUMENT FOR BELGIAN HEROES

(By The Associated Press)
BRUSSELS, Aug. 7.—In the province of Luxembourg today a monument was unveiled to the memory of 283 inhabitants of the province who were killed by the Germans in August, 1914, as vengeance for the resistance made by French soldiers against the German invasion. A representative of King Albert and the ambassadors of France and Italy were present.

CUBAN MISSION IS AT CAPITAL

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—A Cuban economic mission headed by Sebastian Gelabert, secretary of finance of Cuba, arrived here today from Havana to confer with administration officials regarding the proposed 2-cent-a-pound duty on sugar, a loan by the United States to Cuba and present economic conditions in the island Republic.

MANNIX RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA

(By The Associated Press)
BRISBANE, Aug. 7.—Archbishop Mannix, who has just returned to Australia from a round-the-world trip during which he attempted to visit Ireland but was not permitted to do so, has expressed his willingness to take the oath of allegiance to the king.

ENGLAND'S REFUSAL TO LIBERATE IRISH PRISONER CENSURED

May Cause Repudiation of Truce Between England and Ireland.

REFUSE TO RELEASE ONE OF SINN FEINERS

With Exception of McKeown the Irish Parliament Members Are Not Pardoned.

(By The Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Aug. 7.—Repudiation of the truce between England and Ireland is considered a possibility should the British government persist in its refusal to liberate John J. McKeown, a member of the Irish republican parliament, who is under conviction of murder. Responsible Sinn Fein leaders identify themselves with McKeown's act as part of the war and consider refusal to release him as indicating a want of good faith on the part of the government.

General Sir Nevill MacReady, in command of the British forces in Ireland, recently had a conference with Premier Lloyd George and responsibility for the present situation in connection with McKeown's imprisonment is considered by the Sinn Feiners to rest on him. Strong efforts are being made tonight by influential persons not connected with the Sinn Fein who fear consequences injurious to peace to secure a reversal of the government's decision. It is reported that a special courier has been sent to see the premier.

All the Sinn Fein members of the Irish republican parliament now in prison will have been released by tomorrow, except John J. McKeown, who is under conviction for having murdered District Inspector McGrath.

Though the opening of the parliament is being delayed, the Sinn Feiners are endeavoring to secure for their colleagues.

The general impression expressed by the newspapers is to the effect that the government's action in freeing the prisoners has been marred by making an exception in the case of McKeown. The murder for which he was convicted was the shooting of District Inspector McGrath during a fight in which the inspector tried to shoot him. McKeown also was the organizer of several ambushes in County Londonderry, in which members of the crown forces were blown up by mines. At his trial several British officers testified in his behalf, saying that they had received good treatment while held captive. The sentence of death has not received the confirmation of the commander-in-chief as yet.

McKeown was the commandant of the Irish republican army in his district and his acts were endorsed by his chiefs. Hence his detention in prison while others are permitted their freedom is regarded by the newspapers as indefensible. All the men are to be released unconditionally. No parts have been asked for or given.

ATLANTA DETECTIVE GUILTY OF IRIBERY

Case Was utgrowth of the City Council Inquiry into Operations of Gamblers.

(By The Associated Press)
ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 7.—W. L. Payne, city detective, was convicted by a jury in the superior court here today of charges of accepting bribes from Nat M. Whorter, confessed negro bootlegger. The case is an outgrowth of a city council inquiry into operations of alleged "bunco" men and gamblers here, which McWhorter said for more than a year he paid the detective \$2 a week "protection money." Sentence is to be passed Wednesday. The jury was out twenty-four hours.

WIT US TODAY



LEGIONNAIRES OFF FOR FRANCE



Here are the leaders of the American Legion on the S. S. George Washington bound for France. There they will participate in ceremonies at the unveiling of a monument to commemorate the valor of American soldiers. Left to right are John G. Emery, national commander; John J. Wicker, business manager of the commission and Franklin Diller, former national commander. Wicker carries the check book and strong box for the party.

DETROIT MOB MAKES ATTEMPT TO LYNCH NEGRO WHO HAD SHOT TWO WHITE BOYS

(By The Associated Press)
DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 7.—A fight starting at a baseball game on the outskirts of Detroit this afternoon led to the shooting of two white boys, one perhaps fatally, and an attempt to lynch Sam Griggs, negro, who is alleged to have done the shooting.

Griggs was saved by the arrival of local police and reinforcements from Hamtramck, a suburb, after a crowd of men and boys had severely beaten him with fists and baseball bats and had tied a rope around his neck with the announced intention of hanging him.

The boys wounded were Victor Budkuski, 12 years old, and Peter Nad-

FIVE DEATHS KEPT THE CORONER OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY, N. C., BUSY SUNDAY

(By The Associated Press)
WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 7.—With five deaths called to his attention Sunday was no day of rest for Coroner A. S. Holden, of New Hanover county. At 9:35 a. m., the busiest day he has ever known began when a patrolman reported the body of a negro, E. Winkless, who fell into Cape Fear river Friday, had washed ashore. Two hours later, Miss Louise Parks Sloan, of Statesville, N. C., and Marion Avant, of Wilmington, were drowned in the surf at Wrightsville Beach. At 11 o'clock the lifeless body of Chas. H. Wilson, negro, was found in his bed death being due to natural causes. At 1 o'clock the coroner was advised that Willie Hood, negro, had died in a local hospital from wounds received Friday night at the hands of Special Officer E. J. Jaffe in the Seaboard Air Line yards, who shot him three times when the officer says he caught him trying to rob a freight car. An inquest on the last death will be held tomorrow.

CHICAGO MUSIC LOVERS PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF NOTED ITALIAN TENOR

(By The Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Several thousand music lovers today paid tribute to the memory of Enrico Caruso, taking part in a program at Ravinia Park. "Caruso is not dead," declared J. Hamilton Lewis, former United States Senator, who delivered the memorial address. "He, whose voice echoes in the hearts of all earth and is destined to resound in glory through the ages, can never die, Caruso lives."

REPUBLICAN LEADERS TO TAKE UP RAIL LEGISLATION UPON PRESIDENT'S RETURN

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Upon President Harding's return from his vacation, Senate republican leaders are to take up the question of railroad legislation with the executive. Whether the administration bill for funding about \$500,000,000 of carriers' debts by the War Finance Corporation shall be pressed immediately or deferred until after the proposed senate-vacation recess, is to be determined.

The president, senators said tonight, will be informed that it would be impossible for the senate to secure any vacation if the railroad measure should be pressed. Weeks of debate, it was said, are certain. If the president should consent to house action first on the bill, the senate leaders hope to pass the anti-beer and Capper-Tincher grain gambling bills this week and adjourn for a month or six weeks.

ACCUSED OF MURDER OF MRS. LEE, WIFE OF RAILROAD MECHANIC

Was Captured and Arrested After Bloodhounds Had Been Put on His Trail.

ROBBERY EVIDENTLY MOTIVE FOR THE DEED

Late Last Night There Was Apparently No Disorder Around the Jail.

(By The Associated Press)
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 7.—Approximately 150 Florida National guardsmen, including a machine gun platoon, now in annual encampment at Camp Johnston, near here, were tonight guarding the Duval county jail in which Henry Hamilton, negro, is held in connection with the murder of Mrs. J. B. Lee, wife of a railroad mechanic late last night. The troops, who are in command of Colonel Turk, were rushed to the jail, following reports to Sheriff Merritt that attempts were to be made to lynch the negro tonight. Mobs were forming two sections of the city, according to these reports.

Hamilton was arrested today at his home about a mile from the scene of the murder after officers say they had followed a trail set by bloodhounds.

Mrs. Lee was found unconscious by her husband when he returned home from work last night. She had been beaten over the head with a blunt instrument and lived only a few minutes without regaining consciousness. Authorities gave the motive as robbery after they had found missing a small sum of money and several pieces of jewelry. Hamilton is said to have delivered ice to the Lee home daily.

Late tonight there was apparently no disorder brewing and officials expressed the belief that their prompt action had served to forestall any effort at mob violence. Machine guns were placed about the jail at places of vantage.

METAL WORKERS OPEN CONFERENCE

(By The Associated Press)
BERNE, Aug. 7.—The International Metal Workers' Conference, which opens tomorrow at Lucerne, will discuss many questions, prominent among which will be a proposal from the Americans regarding the stopping of the production of ammunition in case of a new war.

Fifteen countries will be represented by sixty delegates. The federation has branches in eighteen countries and its membership aggregates 3,340,000.

SEVEN INJURED AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

(By The Associated Press)
SAVANNAH, Ga., Aug. 7.—P. H. Shackelford, his wife and five children of Portsmouth, Va., were injured this afternoon when a Seaboard Air Line train struck their automobile at Riceboro, Ga.

A local train following picked up the seven injured persons and backed with them to Savannah. They are at a local hospital and all are badly hurt. The family had been in Florida and were on their way back to Virginia.

THE WEATHER TODAY

Pensacola and vicinity—Local thunderstorms Monday and probably Tuesday; little change in temperature.
U. S. Weather Report.
Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 8, 1921.
Sunrise ... 5:12 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:37 p.m.
Moonrise ... 10:24 p.m.
Moonset ... 10:39 p.m.
Next phase of the moon, First Quarter, Aug. 10th.
High tide ... 11:55 a.m.
Low tide ... 11:13 p.m.
Yesterday's Weather:
Temperature—Dry Wet
7 a. m. ... 81 74
12 noon ... 80 75
7 p. m. ... 82 77
Highest ... 85 Lowest ... 78
Mean ... 80
Accumulated excess this year to date, 44.
Highest of record for August, 92 degrees.
Lowest of record for August, 62 degrees.
Rainfall—
For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., trace.
Total for this month to 7 p. m., 1.53.
Normal for August, 7.16 inches.
Accumulated deficiency this year to date, 5.65 inches.
Humidity—
7 a. m., 74. 12 noon, 79. 7 p. m., 80.
Barometer—
7 a. m., 30.03. 7 p. m., 30.01.